

REMARKS

Claims 31-33, 35-40, 42-46, and 48-50 are pending. Claims 31, 38, and 45 are amended.

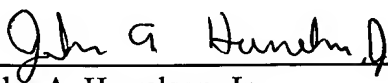
Claims 31, 38, and 45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly containing inconsistent chemical nomenclature in regard to the “-NHR¹NH-” group and the “or via a tether moiety” language. This rejection is believed to be moot in view of the instant amendments that even more clearly describe the claimed subject matter.

Claims 31-33, 35-40, 42-46, and 48-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious in view of *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 7430-31 (“the Norman reference”), PCT Patent Application WO96/33972 (“the Gordeev Application”), *J. Med. Chem.* **1996**, *39*, 2710-19 (“the Konings reference”), *J. Chem. Inf. Comput. Sci.* **1995**, *35*, 1026-33 (“the Siani reference”), *Angew Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **1994**, *33*, 2061-64 (“the Carell reference”). Claims 31, 38, and 45 are amended to further prosecution. None of these references teaches or suggests methods for preparing the recited compounds. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants believe that the claims presently before the Examiner patentably define the invention over the art of record and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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